

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
July 5, 2017 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito started the meeting at 7:35 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2017 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call:	Peter Ardito-present	Genevieve Tarino-absent
	Mary Ann Schran-present	Laura Fitzgerald-absent
	Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-via facetime
	Meredith Budinich-absent	

Also present: Joon Kim and Mark Curtis

Minutes of June 8, 2017: Anne Lander noted that in the part about the Boy Scout project, there was to be one sign, not two. Anne then moved to approve with the change, second Mary Ann. All in favor. Carried.

New Business: Several large trees (12) were taken down on the border of the school and the Murtaughs' house (Harriot Avenue). The Murtaugh family was very distraught. The school and Orange and Rockland each says the other is responsible. Joon is focusing on the Murtaughs. The school is resurveying to determine the property line; Joon is ensuring that the school does not encroach on the line. John Murtaugh (an arborist) and Dr. Fried are planning the replanting. Peter stressed that they must be native plantings. He also stressed that it must be determined how the ball was dropped. The Environmental Commission would like a copy of the surveys. Some of the trees were not in good shape. Some were approved for cutting or trimming. Some were not supposed to be touched. Cutting all down was not approved by the family. The School Board acknowledged that Kevin gave permission. Orange and Rockland said that the only work was Harriot. Schraalenburgh, West Shore tree trimming.

Green Team Portion of Meeting: We were invited to participate in The night Out on August 1. Town Day is 9/9; rain date 9/10. Fall Cleanup—when and where would that be? We want to pursue Sustainable Jersey for 2017-2018. We need to update Buy Fresh/Buy Local, including Rivervale Farmers' Market, Stokes, Stone Point, Pascack Valley Hospital Farmers' Market. When members see a Farmers' Market it would be good to take pictures.

Treasury Report (as of April): I asked for an update on 7/4

T- Mobile Tree escrow - 6772.23

Green Team/Env. Commission - 1416.19

Environmental Commission – temporary budget, but after passage will be same as 2016

*\$300.00 voucher received from last cleanup.

School Update

More New Business Peter contacted Mark Lightdale about an article on trash.

Planning Board: Allegro is not a done deal. They are unhappy with the Level 2 charging station agreement. They and the School Board will appear at the next meeting.

Town Day: The Tenaflly Nature Center will do a program (\$300 for 2 hours). They can also do a touching table. Maybe there will be two presentations of raptors. All agree to two hours.

Pollinator Garden: Theresa suggested having an interactive activity at Town Day for choosing a location. Peter suggested possibly adding it to the project between the Library and the Borough Hall. Maintenance will have to be considered.

We are allowed to change our electricity provider to one that uses more sustainable resources. Can we ask the Borough to switch?

Old Business: Boy Scour project: We have had better experiences. This was rushed. The trail is good, and Peter's trail and a lot of the entrance have been rechipped. The kiosk is done but not installed. Benches are logs on the ground without support. That needs to be fixed. We are creating a checklist that will solve future communication issues.

Anne left due to a family matter.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting August 2, 2017: Theresa moved to adjourn, second Mary Ann. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.